

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A difference of picture quality between a foreground image and a background image is reduced and a good print result in which a boundary between the foreground image and the background image is inconspicuous is obtained. A printing apparatus for compressing raster image information which is formed in accordance with inputted print information, using the compressed image as a background image, and drawing a foreground image thereon. After the foreground image was drawn on a RAM 2, a degree of image deterioration due to compression of the compressed background image is detected and a compressing process which causes the image deterioration of the degree similar to the detected image deterioration is performed to the whole image.